

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, March 9, 2005 9:00 A.M. Room 521 House Office Building

Chairman Sheen called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Marleau, Condino, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner. (14/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Jones, Bieda, Bennett. (3/17)

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 4188** before the committee.

HB 4188 Rocca Property tax; payment and collection; income threshold to defer summer taxes; increase.

Representative Tory Rocca, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4188**.

The Michigan Association of Realtors turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4188**.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 4065** before the committee.

HB 4065 Caswell Property tax; assessments; correction of an incorrect uncapping of property taxes; allow.

Representative Bruce Caswell, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Matthew Raftary, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4065**.

Mickey Knight, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4065**.

Glenn Lemmon, representing the Michigan Assessors Association and the City of Novi, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4065**.

David Tijerina, speaking on his own behalf, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4065**.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4065**.

The Michigan Association of Realtors turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4065**.

Ron Nelson, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4065** but did not wish to speak.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt the **(H-1)** substitute to **HB 4065**. **Representative Drolet** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Marleau, Condino, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner. (14/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Meyer moved to report **HB 4065** as an **(H-1)**, with recommendation. **Representative Gosselin** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Marleau, Condino, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner. (14/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chairman Sheen returned to consideration of **HB 4188**.

Representative Drolet moved to adopt the **(H-3)** substitute to **HB 4188**. **Representative Gosselin** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Marleau, Condino, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner. (14/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HB 4188** as an **(H-3)**, with recommendation. **Representative Marleau** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Marleau. (9/17)

NAYS: Reps. Zelenko, Miller. (2/17)

PASS: Reps. Condino, Farrah, Meisner. (3/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 4289** before the committee.

HB 4289	Mortimer	State; escheats; qualified voter file; require department of treasury to sort list of abandoned property with certain records and refund property to persons identified.
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Representative Mortimer, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee on **HB 4289**.

Representative Condino moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Gosselin** supported the motion. Without objection, absent members were excused.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt the minutes of the February 23, 2005 meeting.

Representative Marleau supported the motion. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:00 a.m.

Representative Fulton Sheen, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-2052